

CLAIMS

1. A packaging machine comprising a main frame structure and active elements (for example conveyor belts, transposing apparatuses, robots) which are fixed to the main frame structure by means of intermediate elements,

characterised in that

- the intermediate elements comprise profile members (1) respectively arranged in pairs in parallel mutually juxtaposed relationship,
 - the intermediate elements are held at a defined spacing by means of clamping plates (2, 2'),
 - the clamping plates (2, 2') have projections (3) which stick up laterally of the profile members, and
 - the clamping plates are clamped by means of a clamping mechanism (4) which extends perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the intermediate elements between the profile members (1).

2. A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that the profile members (1) are flat bar members whose profile stands on edge, wherein the clamping plates (2, 2') are applied in overlapping relationship to the narrow sides of the two profile members of a pair and have projections (3) which stick up laterally of the narrow sides.

3. A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that the profile members (1) can also be in the form of T-shaped, double T-shaped, U-shaped, round or quadrangular profile members.

4. A packaging machine as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that the interior of the profile members (1) is hollow.

5. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that the profile members (1) are of a metal material, in particular steel or iron.

6. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that at least one of the clamping plates (2') has at least one transverse opening (6) at the side (5) in opposite relationship to the side with the projections (3).

7. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that the transverse opening (6) extends in plan perpendicularly to the projections (3).

8. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that the clamping plates (2, 2') are of a metal material, in particular steel or iron.

9. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that the clamping mechanism (4) is a clamping screw.

10. A packaging machine as set forth in one of the preceding claims characterised in that the clamping mechanism (4) has a cam lever.